

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner, in his communication dated March 30, 2006, required the election of a single species from each of Groups (a)-(e) as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicants elect the species as recited in the instant response (as shown in the previous page).

The epoxy resin recited in the instant application are very similar substances in their chemical characteristics. The same applies to the phenol resins, organic metal compounds and inorganic fillers. Consequently, the examination should not be limited to a single species but should extend to each of these elements.


Applicants request that should the elected species be found allowable, the Examiner expand his search to include non-elected species.

Divisional applications filed thereafter claiming the non-elected species should not be subject to a double patenting ground of rejection. 35 U.S.C. § 121, In re Joyce (Comr Pats 1957) 115 USPQ 412.

Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits and an early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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